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SUBJECT: UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR
DEVELOPMENT (UNCSTD) - PROJECT FOR AN ENERGY EXHIBIT

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1. A. U. S. SITE FOR THE UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLIGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (UNCSTD) WOULD PRESENT A UNIQUE
OPPORTUNITY FOR PRESENTING TO A UNIVERSAL AUDIENCE EVIDENCE
OF U.S. INTEREST AND EFFORTS IN WORKING WITH DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES IN EXPLORING ALL AVAILABLE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE
UTILIZATION OF RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY.

2.THERE IS STRONG CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN ENERGY CO-
OPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL-SCALE SYSTEMS. AID AND ERDA(DOE) HAVE
ENERGY PROGRAMMS AND ARE FURTHER DEVELOPING THEM. OTHER THAN
THE FEW COUNTRIES WHICH WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE INITIAL PROJECTS
IT STILL SEEMS LIKELY THAT BY 1979 MANY DEVELOPING COUN-
TRIES WILL NOT BE AWARE OF U.S. INTEREST IN THE PROBLEM
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OR OF U.S. CAPACITIES FOR ASSISTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH
IT. ONE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED EXHIBIT WOULD BE TO FAMILI-
ARIZE PARTICIPANTS IN UNCSTD WITH WHAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT,
AND PRIVATE SECTOR, IS DEVELOPING IN THIS AREA. ANOTHER, AND
EQUALLY IMPORTANT PURPOSE, BUILDING ON THE THEME OF TEHCNICAL
COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WOULD BE TO PUBLICIZE
EFFORTS ALREADY UNDERWAY IN COME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SO THAT

OTHER MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THEM.

3. SPECIFICALLY, WHAT THE MISSION WOULD PROPOSE IS THAT WE SEEK FUNDS TO PROVIDE AN EXHIBIT BASED ON MODELS OF ALTERNATE ENERGY- GENERATING PROCESSES. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE NOTE AID EFFORTS UNDERWAY, INCLUDING AN ON-GOING PROJECT ON ENERGY NEEDS FOR THE FOOD SECTOR SYSTEM WHICH WILL IDENTIFY ENERGY TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS, A PROPOSED PILOT "ENERGY/FOOD PLANATION," AND A PROPOSED LARGE-SCALE DEMONSTRATION OF SOLAR ENERGY. WE WOULD EXPECT BY THEN THAT OTHER MODELS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM ERDA, THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, ETC, A COMMITTEE OF INTERESTED AGENCIES COULD BE SET UP TO SCREEN BOTH U.S. AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' PROJECTS SUSCEPTIBLE TO SUCH AN EXHIBITION. THE PRIVATE SECTOR MIGHT ALSO SUBMIT EXHIBITS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE COMING FROM BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WOULD BE FINANCED BY COMPANIES CONCERNED. IN NO CASE, HOWEVER, WOULD THE EXHIBIT HAVE A COMMERCIAL OR TRADE FAIR ASPECT.

4. IN THIS MISSION'S VIEW, SUCH AN EXHIBIT COULD HAVE AN IMPACT IN SHOWING U.S. CAPACITIES FOR HELPING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (AND FACILITATING COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES) IN AN AREA OF KEY CONCERN TO THEM WHICH WOULD FAR EXCEED THAT OF ANY NUMBER OF TECHNICAL PAPERS SUBMITTED TO THE CONFERENCE. IT COULD SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE AND GIVE A SOUND BASIS FOR THE SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON RENEWABLE SOURCES ON ENERGY PROPOSED BY KENYA AT THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOURCES, WHICH, IF APPROVED, IS LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE IN 1980 OR 1981. IT WOULD GIVE A CONCRETE RESPONSE TO THE REPEATED CALLS OF MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR COOPERATION IN THIS AREA. WE URGE THAT THIS POSSIBILITY BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN CONSIDERING THE PROS AND CONS OF A U.S. CONFERENCE SITE AND BE CONSIDERED FOR ACTION SHOULD THE U.S. SITE WIN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S APPROVAL.

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